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FOR: PURIFICATION OR WORK-UP OF IONIC LIQUIDS BY MEANS OF

ADSORPTIVE SEPARATION PROCESSES

Honorable Commissioner

for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.113(c) AND \$1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of October 13, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments!) be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account No. 14.1437. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Encl.: CLAIM AMENDMENTS (Appendix I)

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<sup>1)</sup> Cf. the Claim Amendments set forth in Appendix I on pages 15 to 17 of this paper.